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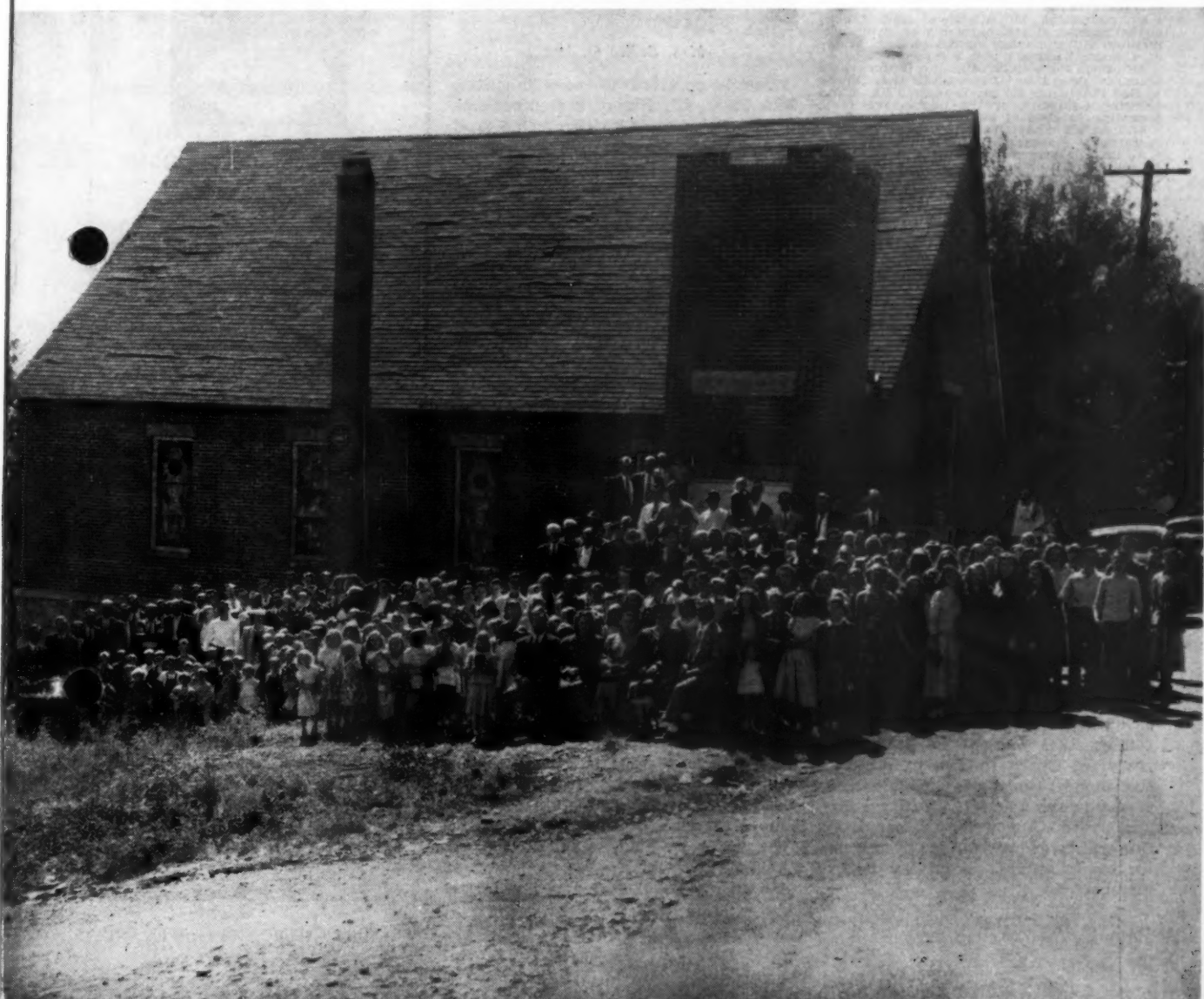
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NOTICE

The Bahamas convention will con-
vene January 10-15, 1950. We cordially
invite all who would like to come over
and be with us and help us during
this great feast.—Wm. R. Franks, Box
941, Nassau, Bahamas.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the
death of his saints." Ps. 116:15.

LEE

Rev. Mrs. Sallie O. Lee, of Columbia,
S. C., passed away Friday, April 22,
at 11 o'clock. Her age was 75 years.
She was a charter member of the
Church of God and one of its first
ministers. Her membership was located
at Cleveland, Tenn., for many
years; not long before her death she
was transferred to Columbia, S. C.
She held evangelist license in the
Church for 37 years. Her compensation
as a retired minister started in No-
vember, 1934. She carried the glorious
gospel of Christ into many states in
the pioneer days of the Church of
God. She was a loyal, faithful member,
and loved God with all her heart.
She will be greatly missed by the pas-
tor at Columbia and all the faithful
members.



Mrs. Sallie O. Lee

She is survived by one daughter,
Mrs. Bessie Birchmore, a member also
of the Columbia Church of God, and
one son, Eliud Lee; eight grandchil-
dren and ten great grandchildren.—
Her pastor, Rev. Clifford M. Jinkerson.

HAWKINS

Teresa Ann Hawkins made her ap-
pearance on October 19 and stayed
long enough to get into the hearts of
her father and mother, Rev. and Mrs.
Grady Hawkins. She departed on Oc-
tober 21 to be another bud in the
Master's bouquet. Rev. R. C. Cook, pas-
tor of the Church of God in Cleveland,
Tenn., officiated, with the help of
Rev. C. H. Shaw and Rev. L. O. Siferd.
—Mrs. Dovie Reed, Grandview, Tenn.

COVER PICTURE

Sunday morning, September 4, was
a day of much enthusiasm at the
Church of God in Somerset, Ken-
tucky, at which time the above picture
was made. We came within 16 of
breaking the all-time high record in
Sunday School attendance. There
were 318 present. The Rev. and Mrs.
L. H. Aultman and Glinda Fay and
Miss Julia Daughdrill were among
our honored guests.

The picture was made at the con-
clusion of a series of inspiring serv-
ices conducted by the state overseer,
the Reverend Aultman. Since being
the pastor, we have had an increase of
27 members which gives us a total of
185 members. The revival conducted

by the Rev. Stanley Rippitoe, in July,
was also outstanding.

Credit is given to the Rev J. R.
Lennings for starting the building
program while he was pastor; also,
the Rev. E. W. Carden for almost com-
pleting the great improvements which
involved several thousands of dollars.
The building is almost completed, but
it is much too small to accommodate
the attendance. We praise God for His
blessings and the wonderful people
to work with here.—Manuel F. Cam-
bell, Pastor.



A NEW YEAR'S THOUGHT

We wonder if in the new year
The world will be the same,
With bitterness and sorrow
And wickedness and shame.
Or will it be a happy world
With calm and sweet content,
And will we be a joyful band
With thoughts on friendship bent?
What will it be? It's up to you
To make it what you will.
It's what you think and what you do
That grinds in your own mill.
It's hard to say we may be wrong;
We like to think we're right—
Put blame on those we live among
When things don't look so bright.
But we must learn the sage's lesson—
What we think, what we do
Brings ill or many a blessin'
The world is not askew.
So if for new year's joy you seek,
I would suggest this plan:
While working safely through the
week,
Give help to fellow man.
And you'll find in 1950
The joys you never knew;
Livin' will have a touch of heaven
And joy the whole year through.

—Safety Beacon

HAPPY NEW YEAR

THANKS

From the deep of our hearts to everyone who sent us Christmas and New Year's greetings. You not only abundantly showered us, but each greeting added to our memory of an acquaintance with you and gave to our hearts renewed inspiration for this new year as does the rising sun the day. May God bless each of you with health and happiness throughout 1950.
—J. D. Bright and Wife.

IN THE BEGINNING

Life, and all that relates to it, is conspicuously marked with periodic *new beginnings*, and almost as frequently as every *beginning* is marked with an ending of equal interest. Unlike the ending, that is freighted with memories, pleasant and unpleasant, the *beginning*, like the adventurer, has no report to give until its discoveries have been made. Therefore, the beginning of each of the 8,760 hours, 365 days, and 12 months of the year is made colorful by the mixed sentiment of anticipation and anxiety, with the consciousness that much of the planning and thinking is apt to be only wistful. But there are ways to *begin* every *beginning* that will assure successful progress to the end of each period of time with which one's life is punctuated, as well as the completion of each task one is to perform, be it great or small, of brief or prolonged effort. Let us notice a few as we stand in the threshold of 1950.

Beginning under the blood of Jesus is the most invigorating, life-giving, assuring beginning possible. The greatest event in Israel's history was not the birth of Jacob, his vision of the ladder, his nights of wrestling with the angel, his fatherhood of 12 sons, nor Israel's national security in Goshen, but the eventual *exodus* under the blood of the 250,000 lambs that were slain, which typified Jesus Christ,

"the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." For that night of the Passover was the "beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." Like Israel, every Christian has 2 calendars—national and spiritual.

Israel's first-born was made immune to physical death by the blood on the lintel and doorpost; but better still, the entire nation was set free from bondage because of the passover observance. They went out to become God's church in the wilderness where the blood was to always be kept upon them before God, and in the blood was their security in this their *new beginning*. And so it will be with us in the *beginning* and *continuation* of 1950, if we stay under the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, for John says, "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Not only that, but our peace of mind and heart, as well as life, depends on our staying, by faith, under his blood; then, too, it will help us "overcome the devil."

For every new day of this new year, special inspiration will be needed, and my heart has been greatly blessed by poetess Elva Horsman's poem "In the Morning."

*In the morning, bright and glowing,
All the past is washed away
By time's river, everflowing,
As it ushers in each day.*

*Mind and soul are now refreshed
By night's healing rest and peace.
Day unfolds to you its best;
On new life again take lease.*

*Here we find a new beginning,
Hope reborn and faith renewed;
Interest keen again in winning,
With new strength and power endowed.*

*Yesterday's mistakes are buried;
All its wounds are cleansed and healed—
Freed from every burden carried;
For all time the past is sealed.*

*Sunrise tints the skies with glory,
Wondrous gift of art for you;
Darkness is but transitory;
Behold God's morning! Start anew!*

"In the Beginning God"

While infidels mock, ridicule, and scoff, and scientists reduce the thought of God to substance and matter, the Christian knows that before the beginning, yea "even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art

God." We know that it is He that hath made us and that "we are the sheep of his pasture." We know that throughout 1950 we may "live, move, and have our being in him," for has He not "been our dwelling place in all generations"? Therefore, child of God, no matter what may be the material housing problem you have this year, you may have a permanent dwelling place in Almighty God, our Heavenly Father. And, "if you abide in him and his words abide in you, you shall ask what you will and it shall be done unto you."

Beginning 1950 with God means that as His son or daughter, your prayers, giving, fasting, tithing, suffering for Christ's sake, and constancy in "the word and doctrine" will be amply rewarded here, and if you slip away to glory this year additional reward will be given there.

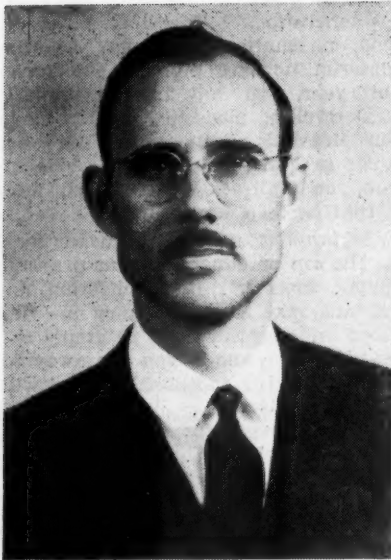
"In the beginning...the Word." I know that primarily the *Word* here refers to *Christ*, but I want us to think of the *written Word* as the medium through which the Godhead reveals to us life's perfect plan now and hereafter. So let us keep a ready supply of God's Word in our hearts as a vaccine against sin's attack upon us, that out of the abundance of the Scriptures stored away in the heart the mouth will speak in quick support and defense of God's cause and in condemnation of sin. Our living happy Christians lives this new year will be determined largely by whether or not we live "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Our triumph over the devil will depend largely on our ability to say, "It is written," and then with fearless courage quote God's Word to him. I would not predict, either for you or myself, that the path through 1950 will be wide and straight and free from valley shadows and starless nights, but I can recommend God's Word as a never-failing light that will make your steps sure all the way: for "thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

"In the Beginning the Lord Possessed Me"

Generally, we are freer to express our ownership than we are to admit that we are possessed. There is something about human nature that cries out for independence, but that part of our nature had just as well give up, because it has very little real chance of being gratified, legally, today. If you are single, you are rightfully pos-

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The International Preparatory



VESSIE D. HARGRAVE,
President

The Church of God International Preparatory Institute for missions, at San Antonio, Texas, being new, is unknown to many of our people. I feel sure that the vast majority of our Church of God people would be happily surprised to know all the particulars concerning this institution, which we believe to have originated through necessity and in the providence of God. We have a number of wonderful schools within the ranks of the Church of God. None of them should be discredited or minimized in their importance. They have a place, and a very important place, in the structure of our beloved Zion; but this school is unique in its character, as well as the work which it is doing. It is admitted that the chief interest of this school is the Latin American countries, but that does not mean that we are not interested in all mankind in all countries and climes. Those of us who are working in this school feel that it is providential that the school should be located in this city, which has a very great per cent of the Spanish-speaking people. It is a gateway to our southern neighbors and to all the Latin American countries. Thus, we feel that God directed those who selected this place for the location of I.P.I.



BOYS' DORMITORY

The work that is being done in this school is thorough and will compare favorably to the work and standards of any other institution of its kind in the United States. So far as the Church of God is concerned, it is beyond question the outstanding missionary school. There are many factors that go to make it outstanding.

First, the President, Rev. Vessie D. Hargrave, has had every advantage necessary to become fully qualified in every way to take care of a work of this kind. He has been associated with the Spanish-speaking people from childhood and is thus well acquainted with their customs and habits and has a thorough knowledge of their language. He is a graduate from Lee College and has his B. A. degree from Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas. He has also done extension work in the Universities of Tennessee, and Texas, and Universidad de Mexico, where he is working on his M. A. degree. Brother Hargrave is a spiritual man and puts great emphasis on the true doctrine of the Church and general spirituality. His missionary zeal is unsurpassed by anyone, to my knowledge.

Brother Clifford V. Bridges, our business manager, is also well qualified for his position and has the complete confidence of all who are acquainted with him. He is also a good teacher in music, as well as other subjects. He is a graduate of Lee College, a student of Stamps School of Music, and will get his B. A. degree from Trinity University this term. He

is loyal to the Church and its teachings, zealous in the cause of missions, and is appreciated by everyone very much.

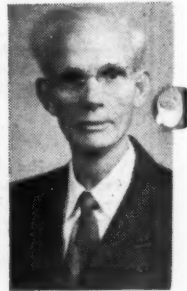
Brother Leopoldo Dominguez is a graduate of the Universidad de Puebla, Mexico, and is an excellent music teacher; he also teaches language. He was one of the first teachers in the Instituto Biblico de Mexico and contributed considerably to its success. Thus, his experience has made him efficient in this kind of work.

Brother Rafael Gonzalez, a student of Seminario Metodista de Mexico, is head of the Spanish Religious Education Department. His work in the school from its beginning has been very important, and he is highly appreciated. He also taught in the Instituto Biblico de Mexico from its very beginning and has served as its president.

Sister Louise Rohl is a graduate from the State Teachers College, St. Cloud, Minnesota, and is also a student at Trinity University. She is thoroughly qualified for her work as head of the Language Department.

Sister Alice Josephsen, registrar and secretary of Latin American Mission Department, is a graduate of Music from Lee College and has done extension work in Rutgers University. She is a teacher in the Commercial and Music Department and also dean of women.

Sister Emma Enriquez is a graduate from Instituto Nacional de Senoritas, Occidente in Guatemala, Central America. She is also taking a number



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Winston Elliott

of subjects in I.P.I. and teaching Spanish Conversation.

Brother Josue Rubio is a graduate of Instituto Biblico de Mexico and has attended Lee College as well as being one of the first graduates in I.P.I. He is highly appreciated.

Brother L. W. Sisk is head of the English Religious Education Department. He is a graduate of Emmanuel College, Moody Bible Institute, and a graduate of the Ministerial School in

Emory University. He has taught in three of our schools besides giving numbers of short courses in connection with state and district conventions in the Church of God; he is a blessing to the students.

Sister Guadalupe B. de Gonzalez was a student of Lee College, and is a graduate of Academia Inaritu in Mex-

ico. She is head of the Commercial Department and is doing a splendid work.

Brother Winston Elliott has recently come to us and is rendering valuable service as teacher in the English Language Department and dean of men. He is a graduate of Lee College and has

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Ministerial Attitude

By HARRY A. MUSHEGAN, Pastor at Lancaster, S. C.

Mark 9:38. "And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us."

Numbers 11:27, 28, "And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp. And Joshua the Son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his



Harry A. Mushegan

young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them."

Matt. 21:15, "And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased."

Dear Friends, it is my desire to portray to you in this simple message, the great need for a pure strain of unselfishness amongst those which claim the divine call to the ministry. Paul the great apostle, in his writings to the Galatians said, Gal. 5:13-15, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another."

I am reminded of a story in the great Alaskan north. It seems that

when two Alaskan huskies or sleigh dogs get into a fight, all the other dogs gather around the fighters and watch seemingly with great enjoyment, until one of the fighters is thrown by the victor. Then all the others in the pack join together and devour the loser. I know that we are not to be compared with dogs, but Paul said, "If ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of the other." Micah, the prophet of God, wrote, in his inspiration, Micah 3:5-7, "Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him. Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them. Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God."

It is a pity that there is no more manifestation of God's divine revelation among Christians than there is. I am convinced that instead of yielding to the Spirit of God for direction, many of the thousands who profess the great call are given to bigotry rather than the true commission. Joshua, John, and the chief priests and scribes were all reproved because they allowed the spirit of bigotry to rule their thoughts. John said, "We saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us; and we forbad him, because he followeth not us." The answer of Jesus was, Mark 9:39, 40, "But Jesus said, Forbid him not; for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part." Joshua said to Moses, when Eldad and Medad were prophesying in the camp "My lord Moses, forbid them," but the answer of Moses was as Christ would appreciate in all of us today, "And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? Would God

that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!" Num. 11:29. It seems to me that a very important part of ministering is forgotten by many and that is *by love to serve one another*. Instead, today there appears to be a competitive spirit among the rank and file, not the kind of competition that tends to build up the kingdom, but the feeling that superiority of one's work makes him in a degree better than another, not realizing that he which is servant among you shall be great in God's sight. We should have one, and only one thought in mind, and that is, "WE ARE WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD," for the building of His great kingdom and not for the establishing of our own bigoted system.

Now last but not least, I should like to say that when we see great things accomplished by some of the humble followers of Christ, we should be careful as to our criticism, for it is God working through the individual. Don't be as the chief priests and scribes. Matt. 21:15, "When the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David, they were sore displeased. And said unto him, Heardest thou what these say? And Jesus said unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou has perfected praise?"

It would pay some of us to become babes in our adoration for the great work of Christ in crying and saying, as was said in this passage, "HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID."

The greater the accomplishments of those of Christ who will dare to stand in the face of a sin-cursed world, defying the hordes of hell, the greater joy, for we are members one of another, and the praise of one member should affect the joy of the whole body, for we work not for ourselves but for Him who bought us with His own life's blood. Your gain is my joy; your victory is my desire; the Church is my life; and the greater it becomes, the greater is my life. Amen.



Poetic Courage for 1950

HIS WAY IS BEST

FREDA ELIZABETH LAMBERT

Sometimes I like to tread the sunny mountains,
At God says, "Child, come along with me
To the valley dim." I go, resting assured
The way that He has planned is best for me.
How longingly I gaze upon the sunshine;
To go there, Lord, I humbly ask of Thee.
Still I know when you take me through the
shadows,
The way that Thou hast planned is best for
me.

Lord, I grow weary, faint, as I tread onward,
Sharing your broken heart as in Gethsemane;
The way seems long, but still there is whis-
pered,
"The way that He has planned is best for
thee."

Out of my narrow path the bright lights
glitter,
Perchance to allure my weary soul, O Lord,
from Thee;
But amidst the stones a tender voice doth
echo,
"The way that He has planned is best for
thee."

So I press along through storms, and mists,
and shadows,
For at life's end, the prize, by faith, I see;
God speaks, I listen, I stand content, for He
knows
The way that He has planned is best for me.

DO NOT WORRY

MRS. JULIA INGHAM JONES

Do not worry, look to Jesus:
He will take you safely through,
For He knows each step before you
And just what is best for you.
Think of heaven's bliss eternal
And the loved ones gone before,
Where there'll be no pain or sorrow,
On that bright celestial shore.

Do not worry, count your blessings;
Name them o'er along the way,
Always working for the Master:
Soon will end life's little day.
Think how Jesus died, and suffered,
On the cross of Calvary.
There He shed His precious lifeblood
That the sinner might be free.

Do not worry, trust in Jesus,
For He is your truest Friend,
And He never will forsake you,
Will be with you to the end.
Soon He's coming back in glory.
Are you ready for that day?
Will you be found watching, waiting,
With your sins all washed away?

A HOME OF PRAYER

Frank Rochester

Is not a fine house builded of stone
That makes a bright and happy home;
Not fine furniture or big armchairs
But the pleasure of knowing Mother and Dad
are there.

There's many houses where folks stay,
But a home of contentment is where they
pray!
Though it be a humble cottage, if used for
prayer
'Tis a pleasure to know Mother and Dad are
there.

O God, bless our nation with homes
From which Mothers and Dads do not roam
From the family altar so sacred and fair—
Their one contentment is a home of prayer.

JESUS NEVER FAILS

Jesus never leaves, I'm told, when mighty
storms assail;
Through these His hand retains its hold. No!
Jesus will not fail!

Jesus never quits, I know! I've tried Him all
the way;
Despite how dark the path may grow, He's
there with me to stay!

He will not forsake the youth, nor those at
Jordan's tide;
He'll pilot all, O blessed truth, who in His
love abide.

When I reach the city fair, where there will
be no night,
I know my Christ will meet me there, and
He will be the light!

I shall see His blessed face, whose promise
has been true,
When through His wondrous, matchless grace,
I safely make it through.

In that land of fadeless bliss, where perfect
peace prevails,
I'm sure our theme will still be this, "Our
Jesus never fails."

—Mrs. Jessie Roberts,
Canton, N. C.

ALL THE WAY

Guide me, O Thou Blessed Master,
As I travel through this land;
Teach me to be kind and humble,
For the right to always stand.

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah,
For I'm a lonely pilgrim here;
In a land so full of sorrow,
In a world so wild and drear.

Guide my little barque, dear Jesus,
While the waves of sorrow roll;
Thou hast said Thou wouldst not leave us,
When the tempest round us roll.

Yes, we know Thy words are faithful,
And on Thee we can rely;
So, just guide us, safely guide us,
To that home beyond the sky.

—Mrs. Sarah E. Cheek,
Cookville, Texas.

THE PEARLY GATES WILL OPEN WIDE

Daisy Balderson

Though the road be rough and dreary,
Yet with Jesus by my side,
I will still keep going onward,
Ever on, whate'er betide.
I can see the lights of heaven,
As I here on earth abide,
And I know when the journey's ended
The pearly gates will open wide.

Life on earth is full of trials,
It is so where'er we go;
But if we only trust in Jesus,
He will make our pathway glow.
He will turn the clouds to sunshine,
He will still the raging tide;
And if we only trust Him,
The pearly gates will open wide.

I will do my duty ever,
Though the storms of life abide;
I can scale the highest mountain,
If my Saviour's by my side.
From the top of Mount Nebo,
To the bottom of Pacific's tide,
We shall hear our Saviour calling—
The pearly gates will open wide.

WORK A LITTLE HARDER

By Rev. Mrs. J. A. (Nettie) Hanvey, Pastor at
Fountain Inn, S. C.

Shall we enter the new year determined?
Or shall we continue to shirk?
There's plenty to do all around us,
And God wants men who will work.

The field is white unto harvest;
There is plenty for all to do.
No need to ever be found idle;
Remember, He's trusting in you.

Let's buckle our armor tighter—
And hasten out into the night;
Yes, let's work harder than ever,
Helping lost ones back to the light.

No time now for pleasure and folly;
Too many have gone far astray,
So, let's pray, preach and sing harder
Before the night closes the day.

The battle will soon be over,
And our races will soon be run,
So let's work, yea, work still harder
Until the setting of life's sun.

We're looking up for the city
Whose Builder and Maker is God,
But none shall see its grand beauty
Save those who have faithfully trod.

JESUS WILL NEVER FORSAKE US

When in saddest hours we wonder;
When in trouble, toil, and tear;
When in grief and pain and sorrow,
Jesus knows our every care.

When we are lonely, brokenhearted,
Needing just a word of cheer,
I know One we can depend on,
One who knows our every care.

But when earthly friends forsake us,
And we have no one to defend,
Jesus says, I'll never forsake thee,
But go with you to the end.

In the midst of earthly trials,
Jesus whispers, Do not fear;
Onward goes the loyal soldier—
Knowing that the end is near.

May this help us to press onward—
Our friends and loved ones try to gain,
That we may come with Jesus
A thousand years to reign.

When my race down here is over,
This is all I have to say,
I pray to meet the ones who've helped me
All along this dreary way.

—Mrs. Geneva Anderson.

A NEW ITEM

Sunday School Flannelgraph

We are happy to announce that we
will be able to supply you with flannelgraph material which is specifically
adapted to each Sunday School lesson,
beginning with the first quarter of
1950. We feel that this is exactly what
you have been requesting of us, and
it is our firm belief that you will ap-
preciate our efforts in preparing this
material. Price \$1.50 per quarter.

CHURCH OF GOD PUB. HOUSE
Cleveland, Tennessee

The Great Home-coming at



The Church of God at Fort Mill, S. C., commemorated its first home-coming November 13, in its one-year-old building. For several weeks we had planned for that day when our church members, far and near, as well as friends, could meet for this soul-refreshing time.

This epochal day was preceded by a great service on Saturday night, which was conducted by the pastor. The Spirit of God being in our midst, we were thankful that we went to the

house of God. Our Editor-in-Chief, J. D. Bright, was supposed to have spoken for us Saturday night and Sunday night but was prevented because of official business.

On Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock, we broke our attendance record again. It now stands at 570. The building was not only packed to its capacity with physical beings, but with the power of God. Our musicians and singers seemed to be at their best throughout the day. During this hour we had

special singing by the Ambassadors Quartet from Lee College, and our local singers. We were also privileged to have the mayor, members of the City Council, some of the mill officials, and businessmen of the town.

At the 11 o'clock service we were honored by having 2 very distinguished guests, Governor and Mrs. J. Strom Thurmond. (Governor Thurmond is shown speaking.) Our hearts were inspired as he spoke to us on "Christian Citizenship."

CALIFORNIA'S WILLING WORKERS' REPORTS

Modesto, for October	\$ 9.13
Raised in rummage sale.	
Rosamond, for October	17.10
Raised by making doughnuts, cup towels and offering.	
San Francisco, for October	6.05
Raised in sewing.	
San Pablo, for October	12.99
Raised in selling aprons and candy.	
San Pedro, for October	31.73
Raised in bake sales and sewing.	

Tulare, for October	42.00
Raised in rummage sale.	
Vallejo, for October	18.50
Raised in selling sewing and candy.	
Lamont, for October	82.25
Raised in rummage and food sale.	
Shafter, for September	15.21
Raised in making quilt.	
Stockton, for October	31.67
Raised in making aprons and candy.	
San Pablo, for September	34.80
Raised in quilts, candy, and cup towels.	
Salinas, for October	75.76

Sale of crochet, quilts.	
Hyde Park, for September	40.96
Sale of merchandise and luncheon.	
Clovis, for October	16.75
—Mrs. J. H. Hughes, President.	

NEWS FROM INDIANA

Total souls saved, 75; sanctified, 35; received the Holy Ghost, 14; baptized in water, 16. Jack Miller reports more souls saved, 16; J. D. Combs, 15; C. R. Murray, 12.

at Fort Mill, South Carolina



The home-coming day was not only a time of spiritual feasting, for at noon we surrounded a table, 130 feet long, loaded with every kind of food the natural appetite could desire.

The afternoon service began at 2 o'clock with the largest attendance—it being more than our lovely building could possibly entertain. Brother Houston Morehead, our state overseer, delivered the afternoon message, which inspired our hearts, and, as Pentecostal power fell from heaven,

waves of glory seemed to fill the building. Christians praised and magnified the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The Ambassadors Quartet (at right), the Toni Trio, of Gastonia, N. C., and others contributed plenty of good singing.

The climax of the day began at 7 o'clock. Brother Houston Morehead preached an evangelistic message under the power and anointing of the Holy Ghost, which stirred our hearts, and several came to the altar and

found the Lord as their Saviour.

We appreciate the many wonderful blessings of the Lord that have helped our church to reach the goal and more than double our membership, Sunday School, and finance. We realize, too, that it has been because of the splendid cooperation of the members and the untiring efforts of our pastor, Brother C. R. Spain, and wife that our church has seen its greatest growth this year.—Mrs. Winnie H. Helms, Reporter.

Five Highest in Homes Visited

Bert Ford	80
Perry Riley	72
Jack Miller	59
H. R. Morehead	56
Paul Norris	53

Five Highest in Sermons Preached

Jack Miller	30
R. E. Hall	22
Ruby Brewer	20
Francis Houck	19
H. R. Morehead	19

Austin leads in doubling any one

church in the State in average attendance in Sunday School. B. F. Ford, pastor; Gilbert Howe, superintendent.

Those in Building Programs

Crawfordsville—just about to complete a nice church building.

Terre Haute—has sold the property on South Third Street, purchased a location in southeast section of town, and made arrangements to start building soon.

Austin—is adding to the completion of its building by laying concrete

walks and porch.

West Indianapolis—has added some nice rest rooms to its newly constructed building, also trimmed the doors and windows with a nice coat of paint.

Mishawaka—has almost paid in full for its nice lots for construction that is now in progress.

Paxton—has been working on its church building.

Shelburn—has completed its repair caused by the tornado.

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Abstinence

from All Liquor or Strong Drinks

By CLYDE COX

Introduction: By request of our Editor-in-Chief, the writer will present you with this article based on Church of God Teaching No. 22. This teaching, along with others, was made prominent and graces our Minutes. The adoption of this teaching many years ago sets forth the minds of the pioneers—that total abstinence from all liquor and intoxicating strong drinks is a Bible doctrine. However, our people have never suffered by the drink habit. The Church of God members believe in and receive a definite experience in conversion, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. These deep and definite experiences with God enable them to abstain from liquor, wine, and other strong drinks. Indulgence in drinking, holds no attraction to our people! However, before some of our people were converted, sanctified, and Holy-Ghost filled, they did indulge in those things.

This Teaching is not set forth in our Minutes with fear that our members will continue the drink habit, but rather that the world may be informed that we are firmly against the use of liquor or intoxicating drinks. The drink habit is one of the evils that play a great part in the demoralization of civilization. Paul was perplexed to know why the heathen did rage and the people imagine vain things. We are made to wonder why civilized people drink, rage under its deadly influence, and lose the exercise of moral control. A drunkard once fell in the slough by the roadside. A dog, sometimes called man's best friend, came up and began to clean the man's face of the slimy vomit. The drunkard said, "Get from here; I am as good as you." There was more truth than fiction in his statement.

New Testament Doctrine

The writers of the New Testament, being inspired of the Spirit, firmly denounced the practice of intoxicating drinks. The drink indulgence is treated in the Scripture as being of a

fleshly desire and recorded among the "works of the flesh." Gal. 5:19-21. To drink liquor is not only sinful but is destructive to human life, to your character, and to your family.

Jesus Himself was misrepresented relative to the drink question. One man recently said that "Jesus was a bootlegger and a horse thief." Such expressions of an enemy of Christ comes from the mind of infidelity. The following scripture is used to connect Jesus with a winebibber; "The Son of man came eating and drinking, and THEY SAY, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children," Matt. 11:19. The same people accused John the Baptist. "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and THEY SAY, he hath a devil." If they were not right in their judgment of John, then they were wrong about Jesus. John was a man sent from God. John 1:6. He was filled with the Holy Ghost from birth. Luke 1:15. He was a just and holy man. Mark 6:20. Likewise Jesus, "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth," 1 Peter 2:22. "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin," 1 John 3:5. "... but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin," Heb. 4:15. A true case of "wisdom is justified of her children."

At the marriage at Cana of Galilee, Jesus turned the water into wine. Not that He endorsed wine, but that He, by the miracle, could produce a non-intoxicating wine from pure water. We understand that nothing was added but water, and that they drank as soon as the change was brought about. The first Lord's Supper was graced with pure juice of fruit of the vine, and He promised to drink of that fruit again with them in His kingdom. "I will not drink henceforth of this FRUIT OF THE VINE, until that day when I DRINK IT NEW WITH YOU in my Father's kingdom," Matt. 26:29.

Nothing here is said of wine but FRUIT OF VINE. This fruit of the vine is referred to as never being sour, or fermented, as wine with long keeping; never nauseous or unpleasant, but being very fresh and new from the rich ripe grapes of the vine, hence pure grape juice. Doubtlessly, this was the kind of wine Paul instructed Timothy to drink for the stomach's sake. 1 Tim. 5:23. The Corinthian church did err in the Scripture order of the Lord's Supper. They prepared for a feast and drank much wine. Some of them became drunk. However, this was brought about by the confusion and divisions caused by the heresies of some among them. Paul strongly rebuked them and reproved them for this evil. "What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I PRAISE YOU NOT," 1 Cor. 11:17-22.

Our text strongly speaks against wine. "Be not drunk with wine, but be FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT." Strong drink has an excess and contains a foul spirit. The Scripture teaches that he that is born of the Spirit has access into the kingdom of God. John 3:5. And the kingdom of God consisteth not of meat and DRINK, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Rom. 14:17. The Spirit can satisfy the thirst of man and leave him completely content. After the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, some protested that they were drunk on new wine. Judging by their action, however, men may act peculiar when filled with the Spirit. "Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink," Isa. 29:9. "For these are not drunken as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day," Acts 2:15. "But this is that (Holy Ghost) which was spoken by the prophet Joel," Acts 2:16. The mother of Samuel, Hannah, was thought to be drunk from where Eli stood, "And Eli said unto her,

how long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee." People that be carried away in the Spirit with God may seem to be drunk or even mad at times. Paul was accused of being mad. But from the heart of that blessed mother came these words: "And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord." Why did Eli think she was drunk? "And it came to pass as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli marked her mouth. Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken." 1 Sam. 1:10-15.

The question we are confronted with is, can a person drink liquor or strong drink and yet retain his integrity with God? The Bible is very definite in its judgment upon men and women who drink intoxicating drinks. Paul in his epistle to the Galatians, in grouping the seventeen evils, instead "drunkenness" in the category of adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murders, revellings, and such like, of the which I tell you before, as I also have told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God, Gal. 5:19-21. They that pursue such evils will have their part in the lake of fire. Rev. 21:8. With what kindness or treatment should we intreat a brother or church member that is given to the drink habit? "But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a BROTHER (not a very true brother in Christ) be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a DRUNKARD, or an extortioner; with such an one not to eat," 1 Cor. 5:11. "NOT TO EAT." We should pick our places to eat; try to eat where whiskey and beer are not sold.

Speaking of the kingdom, Paul makes it very plain that such will not enter. "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor DRUNKARDS, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God," 1 Cor. 6:10. Because some say that the Lord delayeth His coming, many will give heed to corruptible deeds and even take up drinking of strong drinks. "But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My

Lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth," Matt. 24:48-51. The people of God are referred to as "children of the day" and the sinners "children of the night." There should be as much difference in the conduct of the two as day and night. "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the



CLYDE C. COX, PASTOR AT SOUTH PARK, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. . . . For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be DRUNKEN are DRUNKEN in the night. But let us, who are of the day, BE SOBER, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation," 1 Thess. 5:5-8. In another scripture we are instructed as to how we should walk, being the children of the light. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; NOT IN RIOTING AND DRUNKENNESS, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying, but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lust thereof," Rom. 13:12-14. To be prepared for the Lord's coming we must refrain from sin, for

Jesus said, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your heart be overcharged with surfeiting, and DRUNKENNESS, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares," Luke 21:34.

LIQUOR AND ITS PUNISHMENT

In a few words the writer of Proverbs describes the awful result of strong drink. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Prov. 20:1. "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine: they that go to seek mixed wine," Prov. 23:29,30. "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder," Prov. 23:31, 32.

Men like Daniel are in need in our day; he refused to partake of the drink. "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the WINE which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself," Dan. 1:8. The prince was afraid that Daniel would not do so well by totally abstaining from the king's meat and drink. Daniel requested just ten days to prove that one can do much better by leaving off the wine. The ten-day trial thus began. After ten days, their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat and drink of the king's meat and wine. And God gave unto them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom.

Murder is brought about by drinking in many cases. David was guilty of murder, and he drank before the crime was committed. "And when David had called him, he did eat and DRINK before him; AND HE MADE HIM DRUNK," 2 Sam. 11:13. The next day Uriah was sent away with the letter from David in his own hand, his death sentence in his own hand. After Uriah was murdered, David took his wife and she became David's wife. God was very much displeased with the evil deed of David.

Also, Elah the king of Israel, was murdered while drunk. "And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, and he

was in Tirzah, **DRINKING HIMSELF DRUNK** in the house of Azar steward of his house Tirzah. And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him," 1 Kings 16:9, 10. King Ben-hadad made an unreasonable request of the king of Israel. When he received the answer to his request he was drunk. "And it came to pass, when Ben-hadad heard this message, as he was **DRINKING**, he and the kings in the pavilions. And they went out at noon, but Ben-hadad was **DRINKING HIMSELF DRUNK** in the pavilions," 1 Kings 20:12, 16. God appointed Ben-hadad to utter destruction. 1 Kings 20:42. You also remember that Belshazzar made a great feast, also made a great mistake. During the feast they not only defiled the holy vessels of God but "they **DRANK WINE**, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, and of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone," Dan. 5:4. And in the same hour the finger of God moved against him. A message was written on the plaster of the wall. God didn't mind scratching the king's white walls. His judgment was read by Daniel, God's judge: "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting."

In the early times, drinking was considered a crime, and some were put to death because of such conduct. "And they shall say unto the elders of the city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a **DRUNKARD**. And all the men of the city shall stone him with stones, that he die; so shall thou put evil away from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear." Duet. 21:20, 21. There is no prophecy nor words of hope to be found for the comfort of the drunkards. "For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags," Prov. 23:21. Because of the drunken condition of Noah, he pronounced a curse upon his own son. "And he drank of the wine and was drunken; and he was uncovered in his tent. And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant shall he be unto his brethren," Gen. 9:21, 25. This was brought about by drinking too much wine.

There was another man that was very great in the land, and his wife Abigail was a woman of good understanding and of beautiful countenance, but the man Nabal was churlish and evil in his doings. 1 Sam. 25:3. His wife learned that her husband was to be killed, and she appealed to King

David in his behalf and was victorious. When she was returned to her own house, what did she find but a drunken husband. God sometimes tries to help us but we least appreciate His favors. "And Abigail came to Nabal; and behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, **FOR HE WAS VERY DRUNKEN**: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. But it came to pass in the morning when the **WINE** was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone." Just ten days after this drunken folly, God rendered judgment to this man, and he died. When people are drunken on liquor or strong drinks, the moral good is lost to disrespect and ungodliness. When Lot was made drunk by his two daughters, he lost all common reason for good. His name is a disgrace to any good respectable father until this day. While drunk he permitted an evil which if he had been sober, would never have taken place. "And they made their father drink wine that night. Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father." Gen. 19:33, 36.

CONCLUSION: The ungodly drink habit has made more orphans and

widows than any other evil. During the World War, in September, 1917, the manufacturers of liquor were forbidden to make liquor for the period of the war. This was done to conserve grain needed for food. What a wonderful thing it would be to forbid the same all the time to conserve the lives of thousands of our American people! That restriction was lifted on January 16, 1920. The Eighteenth Amendment prohibited the traffic of intoxicating liquor until December 5, 1933. In order to stimulate prosperity from an almost chaotic depression, the Eighteenth Amendment was repealed.

National Prohibition died from a severe blow of the New Deal regime. Whiskey may be bought in most states of the Nation. It has been legalized by our Government and sold in the areas not locally dry. To legalize sin does not remove the judgment of God. Liquor, wine, and other strong drinks are condemned by the Bible, and all that perpetrate them will suffer the loss of their souls in an eternal lake of fire.

In one year, there were 178,834,000 gallons of distilled spirits produced in the United States alone. From 1919 to 1933, the Government collected, in revenue derived from the sale of liquor, \$317,554,000.

...REVIVALS...

SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

The Bristol Church recently enjoyed a three weeks' revival that was different from most revivals—different, because not just one evangelist was used, but three. With each new week came a new speaker, and what wonderful services we had the entire revival.

Rev. Colon Dunn, our state youth director, was the opening speaker. God blessed in a mighty way under his anointed messages.

The "middle man" was none other than our esteemed Editor-in-Chief, Brother J. D. Bright. The church was edified greatly by the inspired sermons he brought during the second week.

The third week was conducted by our beloved State Overseer, Rev. A. V. Beaube, and climaxed with the district convention for the Bristol district, which was well attended by all

the ministers and many of the members of this district. Brother Beaube's timely messages were an inspiration and blessing to all who attended the last week of the revival. This unique revival will long be remembered by the Bristol Church and district.—Rev. C. C. McAfee, Pastor.

ROSEDALE, Miss.—During the month of August we conducted a revival in a new field seven miles north-east of Rosedale, and we set a church in order September 3, with 8 new members. Since then we have taken in two more new members and others have told us that they are planning on uniting with the Church of God. During the revival there were 24 saved, 18 sanctified, 6 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 8 baptized in water. God is still blessing and we plan to put up a church building very soon.—Rev. Kenneth S. Barbour, Pastor.

Our Boys and Girls . . .

CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE
WILLIAM F. DYCH, Superintendent Sevierville, Tennessee

CHILDREN HAPPY IN SEVIERVILLE

It has been a number of years since I have written an article for the *Angel* in regard to the Orphanage work. I know of no other organization that has anything in comparison with what we now have. It has been my pleasure and privilege to be closely connected with the Orphanage for eight or ten years. I lived here in Cleveland with the children for three years, and I know how they have been getting along, and also how they have felt toward being away from each other all these years.

It was my happy privilege to visit the Orphanage one week after they had moved to Sevierville, and after having spent twenty-four hours there on the campus with the boys and girls, I found that they were overjoyed with the privilege of being with each other. The children who had either a brother or sister in the home were so happy

to be with them that it would make any ordinary person cry to see them there together, getting to talk with each other for a few minutes each day.

Many of us have wondered if it were the right move, but I can truthfully say from the bottom of my heart, that with the proper supervision, I think it was the greatest move ever made in the Church of God.

Brother Dych seemed to be at his best, and he is working approximately fourteen hours a day trying to get everything in shape so that the children will be happy in their new home.

Space will not permit me to say all that I feel, but I can say that I have never witnessed a happier group of children than I saw while visiting the Orphanage one week after they had moved to Sevierville. I came away with a greater desire than ever before to support this great worthy cause.—Cecil Bridges, Business Manager, Lee College.



W. N. C. SANATORIUM, BLACK MOUNT, NORTH CAROLINA

Here is where Brother Wroten Dunn, a noble young minister, has spent thirty months of the four years he has been sick. During this time he has undergone three major operations. The third operation was performed November 29, at which time the top lobe of his right lung was removed. Just before the operation, Rev. C. C. McAfee, of Bristol, Tenn., whom the Lord is honoring greatly in pray-

ing for the sick, prayed for him and stated, upon returning to the service I was with him in at Bristol, that he had the assurance the operation would reveal to the doctors that Wroten was greatly improved. Upon our visit a few days later we found that he was right.

On December 12, I received a letter from his wife, from which I give you excerpts: "I know you will be glad to know that Wroten is getting stronger each day, and the doctor be-

lieves that if there is no infection or complications we can hope for him to be well again. We were both so happy to receive your letter, and, Brother Bright, we do appreciate your interest and concern for us. Many thanks for your prayers and help in every way."

What Sister Dunn has said here to me, she and Wroten mean with just as much gratefulness for all who have helped them and are praying for them and their little boy. Although we feel Wroten is recovering, he will of necessity, be at the Sanatorium for several months.—J. D. B.

THANKFUL HEARTS

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.—I praise God for healing me of cancer and T.B. I really love to honor our great God and Saviour.—Ethel M. Cox.

FOUNTAIN INN, S. C.—I praise the Lord for healing my daughter. She had psoriasis for three years, and it covered her just about all over. The doctor said there wasn't any cure for it, but, praise the Lord, one day He healed her and now she has no places on her at all. The Lord can do wonderful things if we only trust Him.—Mrs. J. E. Craig.

NEWS FROM INDIANA

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Veedersburg—is working on the building and hopes to move out of the tent into that long-hoped for church house.

Harrison—has its basement dug for a new church building.

If there are any more building programs or purchasing of properties, I do not have knowledge of them at this issue. I know there are some planning.

State Campground—We have been working to finish some more apartments for rental purposes in the camp. We hope to have more rented and a better income from the campground soon.—C. C. Raines, State Overseer.

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Reports **FROM THE FIELD**

BONNE TERRE, Mo.—The church here at Bonne Terre has been making great progress under the leadership of Brother and Sister Nicholson. In September, 1948, the first month they were here, we had 138 members and tithes were \$314.95. In October our membership had increased to 206. Recently we closed a great five weeks' revival in which many were saved and sanctified, 57 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and 48 were baptized in water. The church presented Brother and Sister Edenfield with a new car in appreciation of their splendid evangelistic work. The tithes in October were \$707.89; also we have paid off the indebtedness on the parsonage. We thank God for the way He has blessed our church the past year.—*Sylvia Holdman, Reporter.*

The Church of God at Marco, Fla., enjoyed having Brother E. L. Simmons and wife, state overseer of Georgia, to visit with us. Also, his father and wife. Grandfather Simmons is one of the old pioneer preachers of the Church of God. He pastored at Marco over 30 years ago. Brother E. L. Simmons also pastored here over 30 years ago. Brother Simmons preached for us on Sunday night, and Grandfather Simmons preached in the midweek prayer service. We enjoyed having them with us.—*Mrs. Dewey Robinson.*

W. ASHEVILLE, N. C.—We have a radio program 5 days during the week and on Sunday morning. These programs are broadcast from our church studio at 7 o'clock each morning, over Station WLOS, 1380 on your dial. It is called the "Good News" program.

We have received 17 new members into the church in the last 3 months, for which we thank the Lord. We also are securing a nice lot within a block of the church, and are planning to erect a nice brick veneer parsonage at a cost of between 8 and 9 thousand dollars.

We have just closed a 2 weeks' revival with Brother Glenn Easmon doing the preaching. The church was greatly blessed by this man of God. He brought some of the most wonderful messages on prophecy I have ever

been privileged to hear. Truly our hearts burned within us as we heard these truths on the soon coming of our Lord, and we are surely encouraged to hasten and get the message of salvation to the lost.

We also have a wonderful Sunday School extension work in the homes and in the jail. We have had 4 saved in our jail work in the 3 months we have worked there. One of the girls made two nice quilt tops for our Orphanage. We certainly appreciate the untiring efforts of our pastor, Brother R. E. Connor, and his wife in behalf of our church and lost souls. We have also organized a second Willing Workers Band in our church for the young married ladies.—*Mrs. J. O. H.*

GREAT HOME-COMING AT PATETOWN, N. C.

We are happy to announce the greatest home-coming the Church of God at Patetown, N. C., has ever had. Our pastor, Rev. Herman Smith, was in charge, and we had several different speakers throughout the day. We had already built 2 rooms on the parsonage, painted it inside and out, and, praise the Lord, that was all paid for. The Lord has blessed us and our Sunday School has grown so that we saw the need of Sunday School rooms, and we started to work. About 3 weeks before the home-coming, our pastor gave 28 dimes to different ones to work with, and on home-coming day there was \$584.87 turned in with those dimes. The Lord is blessing our efforts. We raised a total of \$1,200 in cash that day. We also had \$500 worth of lumber given to us. Praise the Lord. We really thank God for our dear pastor and his family. Pray for us.—*Mrs. Nettie Gooding, Clerk.*

ESTEVAN, Sask., Canada—The people of Western Canada are happy to report the establishment of a new church in Estevan, Sask., by Rev. John A. Brost. Brother Brost has been in our ranks only since June, having come to us from the Evangelical United Brethren Church of Canada, after attending their Bible College for 3½ years, and after ministering

CHURCH OF GOD IN MACON, GA., ENDS SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST

On Sunday, December 4, we had a special day and a record Sunday School attendance of 334. There was special singing by the Mauldin Quartet, of Lavonia, Ga., and many other singers. We had a special drive on to pay our state quota for this year and raised more than \$500, which pays up in full on everything on the church for this year. We are thankful to God and the good people here for their splendid cooperation in the work of the Lord. Mr. Hertwig, president of the Bibb Manufacturing Co. in Macon, gave us a check for \$300 to apply on the church work. We appreciate this fine gesture from him and the company he heads, and the splendid cooperation in God's work. Pray for us.—*J. A. Bixler, Pastor.*

for that church for awhile. He held a successful revival in Midale, Sask., in June, and on the 17th of July he erected a tent in Estevan. After a six-week meeting he baptized 14 and received 16 into the church. Although he is appointed provincial evangelist, he will pastor at Estevan for the winter. Brother Brost is an excellent personal worker, being well trained in the Scriptures, and is a good speaker. With his dynamic and persuasive personality and the assistance of his fine wife, we anticipate continued and greater success for him. We welcome such men into our church.—*Clyne W. Buxton, Youth Director of Western Canada.*

PRAYER COINS

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EDITORIAL

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possessed by your parents; if you are married, you are possessed by your wife, or husband; and, as a citizen, you are possessed by your town, county, state, and nation. There is one of two alternatives left to each of us: be possessed of the devil, or be possessed of the Lord Jesus. Paul's plea to us in Rom. 12:1-3, is "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." This was his testimony and it can be ours throughout this new year! Then, if the billows begin to toss our ship in the stormy nights, we can testify with great confidence as did Paul, "There stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve." We can also sing out with the poet W. Oliver Cooper:

Somebody loves me; somebody keeps me;

Somebody saves my soul

'Tis Jesus who keeps me, Jesus who saves me;

Jesus has full control.

Somebody leads me; somebody needs me;

Somebody bids me roll

My heaviest burdens freely upon Him;
Jesus has full control.

WINS FIRST PRIZE

Dear Brother Bright:

The picture headed "Can You Name Them?" on page 15 of the December 3 issue of the *Evangel*, brings back many pleasant memories to me. Here is my "identification caption":

Front row, left to right: Rev. J. D. Bright, Rev. Earl P. Paulk, Rev. R. P. Johnson, and Rev. Odis Smith.

Back row, left to right: Newby Thompson, Artis Davis, Etiole Dorn, Connor Hall, Roy Taylor, Elbert Landreth, and Joab Nichols. The last four, as I remember, made up the "Happy Four (or Faithful Four) Quartet."

The other boys were members of

the Greenville Band. If I am correct on these preachers, J. D. Bright was pastoring Belton, S. C.; Earl P. Paulk, Greenville, S. C.; R. P. Johnson, overseer of South Carolina; and I can't remember where Brother Smith was pastoring at that time.

After all, it has been quite a while. How right am I?

Yours very truly,—Bill Brown, Pastor at East Nashville, Tenn.

Editor's Note: You are not only correct, Brother Brown, but correct in detail, which will be, perhaps, a surprise to some who were in that group. Drop me a card stating to whom I shall send the *Evangel*.

They Say . . .

GOD LISTENS FOR THY PRAISE

When the farmers of Scotland walk out early in the morning, they flush the larks from the grass, and as they rise they sing, and as they sing they circle, and higher and higher they go, circling as they sing, until at last the notes of their voices die out in the sweetest strains that earth ever heard.

Sing and praise the Lord. It will help someone. Sing His praise in the early morning. Praise Him in the heat of noon. Praise Him in the evening. Someone is listening to hear your song of praise.

In certain parts of the Alps a beautiful and touching custom prevails. Just as the sun leaves the valleys and the last rays touch the snow-capped summit, the shepherd whose hut is farthest up the peak takes his alpenhorn and with trumpet voice, cries: "Praise the Lord!"

Instantly all the shepherds, each standing at the threshold of his cabin, repeat, one after another, the same appeal, until the echo resounds far and wide, from peak to peak, "Praise the Lord!"

You may think yourself small and hidden away, yet God seeks your praise. Someone so beautifully has said, "God listens for thy praise, and all the music of His great universe is richer and sweeter because thou givest thanks."—Selected.

FIRST FIFTY PROTESTANT BODIES IN 1948

Denomination	MEMBERS 1948	MEMBERS 1947
1. Methodist	8,651,062	8,567,772
2. Southern Baptist	6,491,981	6,270,819
3. National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.	4,385,206	4,122,315
4. National Baptist Convention of America	2,580,921	2,580,921
5. Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.	2,330,136	2,234,798
6. Protestant Episcopal Church	2,228,270	2,160,207
7. Disciples of Christ	1,872,049	1,718,010
8. United Lutheran Church in America	1,814,172	1,778,943
9. Northern Baptist Convention	1,583,360	1,541,991
10. Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod	1,519,952	1,469,213
11. Congregational Christian	1,184,661	1,157,764
12. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	947,855	916,789
13. African M. E.	816,578	868,735
14. Evangelical Lutheran Church	757,352	720,286
15. Evangelical & Reformed	714,583	708,382
16. Evangelical United Brethren	707,326	700,413
17. Churches of Christ	662,172	662,172
18. American Lutheran	646,605	646,700
19. Presbyterian, U. S.	638,652	613,701
20. African M. E. Zion	527,350	520,175
21. Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church	422,646	408,565
22. Colored Methodist Episcopal	381,000	381,000
23. Church of God in Christ	340,530	300,000
24. Evan. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisc. and other states	288,355	288,355
25. Assemblies of God	273,147	243,515
26. Nat'l Ass'n Free Will Baptists	255,127	255,127
27. American Baptist Ass'n	245,861	245,861
28. Seventh Day Adventists	222,619	215,545
29. Salvation Army	215,094	209,341
30. Church of the Nazarene	213,188	209,277
31. United Presbyterian of N. A.	205,677	202,605
32. Church of the Brethren	185,799	184,594
33. Reformed in America	178,356	178,318
34. Christian Reformed	138,321	135,788
35. Reorgan. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	128,849	127,381
36. Religious Societies of Friends	113,642	112,541
37. Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church	110,000	18,787
38. Church of God (Anderson, Ind.)	96,736	92,604
39. Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.)	94,069	90,666
40. Federated Churches	88,411	88,411
41. Gen. Assoc. of Regular Bapt. Churches	85,000	70,000
42. Cumberland, Presbyterian	78,000	76,276
43. United American Free Will Baptists	75,000	75,000
44. American Unitarian Assoc.	71,419	69,104
45. Nat'l Bapt. Evan. Life and Soul Sav. Assembly of U.S.A.	70,843	70,843
46. Primitive Baptists	69,157	69,157
47. Pentecostal Church of God of America	68,000	37,048
48. Int. Church of the Four-Square Gospel	66,611	56,197
49. Independent Fund. Churches of America	65,000	65,000
50. Mennonite Church	54,729	53,338

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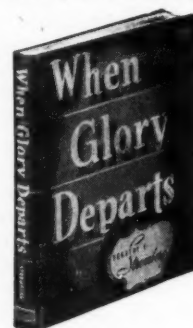
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